

B O R O U G H O F M O N T G O M E R Y

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1950

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year 1950.

ESTIMATED POPULATION 915

BIRTHS There were eleven births during the year. Five Males and Six Females. Three of these were illegitimate. There were eighteen births in 1949. The Birth Rate was 12.5 compared with 15.8 for England and Wales. The corrected birth rate was 15.1. for 1950.

DEATHS There were 22 deaths from all causes during the year. Twelve Males and Ten Females. The Death Rate was 22.1. The Death Rate for 1949 was 14.2. The Death Rate for England & Wales was 11.6 for 1950. The corrected Death Rate was 16.7 for 1950.

There were two deaths of Infants under four weeks of age.

CAUSES OF DEATH Nine deaths were due to Heart disease and Seven were due to Cerebral vascular Lesions.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE There was no Epidemic during the year

Scarlet Fever 1
Acute Tobar Pneumonia 1

TUBERCULOSIS There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year. One new case was notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION This is carried out by the County Council at the School Clinics.

WATER During the summer of 1950, there was a heavier than average rainfall, but the yield from the Powis and Corfield Springs was again of very little help for most of the year. Only during the months of September and November was the yield appreciable. However, all the water which was required for the needs of the Town was pumped from the Boreholes at Rhiewgoch.

Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination proved to be highly satisfactory. All water used for drinking and domestic purposes is chlorinated. During the year, sixteen more houses were connected to the Town Supply. Forty Four houses in the Outer District have their own supplies.

Hendonen The scheme for extending the pipeline to the Hamlet of Hendonen has been approved by the Welsh Board of Health, and it is anticipated that work in connection with this will shortly commence.

NEW HOUSES Two new Council houses were completed and occupied during the year, making a total of eighteen on this site. Efforts have been made to get satisfactory tenders for the erection of a further twelve houses on this site, which is owned by the Council, but so far, it has been found impossible to get one at a price low enough to be accepted by the Council or the Welsh Board of Health.

The Council, anxious to provide badly needed houses for the agricultural population, take a very serious view of this position and enquiries are being made into the possibilities and cost of erecting permanent prefabricated houses.

No new houses were built by private enterprise during the year but three are in course of construction.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE No progress has been made towards the work of installing a badly needed Sewage Disposal Plant, although a detailed survey has been made. The sewage from new Council houses is disposed of in a plant built for that purpose only.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION - During the year, six conversions from Conservancy to Water Carriage System were carried out, and others have been arranged for.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - No Public Cleansing or Disinfections were necessary during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK - The County Agricultural Executive Committee, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, supervise methods of milk production, and inspect farm premises connected with milk production. So far as distribution is concerned, there are no complaints.

MEAT INSPECTION - The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is centralised, and for this area, it is carried out at Newtown, under Government arrangements. Shops and Vans are kept under supervision, and during the year conditions were again satisfactory.

BAKEHOUSES - The two Bakehouses in the area are regularly inspected, and are kept in satisfactory condition.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The District has been regularly inspected, and where defects have been found, they have been remedied as far as possible, still having regard to the restrictions on man power and materials.

SCHOOLS

The Town Water Supply is laid on to the only school in the area and also to the school canteen. A scheme has now been prepared for the reconstruction of this school, and conversion will be made from the existing conservancy system to water carriage.

DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC REFUSE

Tipping of domestic refuse commenced on a new site which has been acquired about a mile away from the Town, and conditions are satisfactory.

I am Sirs,

Your obedient Servant

S. J. STEWART.

